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Admiral STANSFIELD TURNER, U. S. Navy  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Admiral TURNER:

Congratulations to you on your accession to the directorship of the United States Central Intelligence Agency. A fresh breeze from the sea, with, I trust, the proper touch of salt spray, will refresh agency policies and redirect CIA energies into more secure channels as you strengthen your grasp on the helm of our nation's intelligence community.

Here, we are collecting photographic and historical material for one of our principal publications, "INTERNATIONAL NAVAL HERALDRY."

Your kind support of this book project is requested in arranging dispatch of a photograph of yourself alongside your command plaque or banner while you were the Commander In Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe. Such a photograph may have been made up during the ceremonies attendant to your relinquishment of this command March 2 last.

Your courtesy in furnishing such a photograph of yourself, in uniform, beside the splendid naval heraldic device of the famed LION OF ST. MARK will not be abused by THE NAVAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC. We will not in any way use this photograph to indicate your preferment or advertisement of the book "INTERNATIONAL NAVAL HERALDRY."

The coat of arms of your former command has heraldic and naval attachments which date back to the 15th century. As you know, Venice (the city of the LION OF ST. MARK), had a great naval tradition in the Mediterranean.

Your assistance in this matter will be most gratefully appreciated. A colleague of mine heard your presentation recently on television and was favorably impressed. Its a damn good thing to get a man with intellect and balance -- and good naval experience -- into the billet you occupy. Fair breezes and fortuitous following seas to you as you set the watch on your new course in Washington.

Sincere respects,

  
THOMAS F. GATES

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